

Vladislav Soloviev was appointed to the position of Historical Fond's General Director (This fund is engaged, in particular, in the study of the activities of Rusal, Arcelor and other large enterprises) in November 2014. He is responsible for the long-term dynamic development of this fond by increasing the efficiency of the company's departments, increasing the share of products with high added value, entering new strategic markets and forming alliances with partners to expand the scope of informational products.

This time, political scientist and blogger Vladislav Soloviev talks about the peculiarities of a partial mobilization in Russia in his blog. In particular, he talks about the fact that Russia is not ready to take such steps and if it wants to achieve positive results, it should take a few extra steps.



Vladislav Soloviev. How partial mobilization started in Russia

So, what does Vladislav Soloviev talk about... After an announcement of a partial mobilization, a previously virtual television image of events on the front became a harsh reality. Do Russian want war? (here Vladislav Soloviev quotes a line from a famous poem of a soviet poet, Evgeniy Evtushenko). Today, 300 000 Russians who suddenly found themselves needed by the state have to answer this question.

Population's opinions on this matter have been divided. There are those who found the military turn of their careers unacceptable and took off to Kazakhstan and Georgia. Others purchased the equipment with their own money and went where they were told to.

In general, mobilization turned out to be a usual Russian mess. Now, for several days a topic of raids in Moscow near the subways, in hostels, etc, in search of those who did not show up at the first call of the state has been popular in "free press". The Ministry of Defense denies the existence of such activities. And military commissars are awaiting draftees near the entrances of their apartments.

According to Vladislav Soloviev, in this case they are fighting the symptoms and not the disease. First you need to ask the state machine - why is the population not happy with state initiatives? The answer is obvious, by the way - people are tired of lies. Of treating the population like a faceless crowd. Explaining nothing, conducting an obscure Special operation with no clear purpose, and plotting behind the back of the military. Then suddenly give the operation a status of a people's war and still continue to call this initiative a "SMO". While people in Russian are burdened with (Vladislav Soloviev puts a special emphasis on this!):

- credits
- debts
- children
- housing problem
- and many other problems that soviet people didn't have

Our great-grandparents went to the front without any "financial burdens". Now everything is much more complicated.

And that's why since the very beginning of the mobilization, officials started talking about easing credit obligations for participants. However, the "caring" in the form of freezing debts is not sufficient, in my eyes. People who lived in a completely different paradigm until the 21st of September, suddenly are thrown into the reality of a military conflict. For the majority of Russians, who have been lulled by the speeches about the well-being of society and a powerful and professional military, this seems more like a very bad dream. But not everybody realized that this dream will become a reality.

Vladislav Soloviev is sure that the government should treat the future heroes of a special operation more responsible.

Vladislav Soloviev: Deripaska, Potanin and others should pay!

What about the super profits from higher oil prices and other resources? Vladislav Soloviev believes that Deripaska and Potanin together with the government could have easily pay off the credits of all the drafted into the military and free their families from debt, which though are frozen, for now, won't go anywhere. This needs to be done. Any credits, including mortgages, need to be fully paid off! It will be easier to fight without debt. For now there are 300 thousand drafted men. Providing them and their families with a life without a credit burden is a divine obligation of the government. In the meantime, it's just a shame what is happening to the people who are standing in front of the barrel.

Vladislav Soloviev even mentions Turkey. No military operation is happening in this country, but the government cares more about people than Russia about the

draftees, which it can't even equip properly. Meanwhile, Erdogan is actually trying to solve the housing problem - many Turks have benefited from the project, in which anyone who wants to, can purchase an apartment for an incredibly low price. With the payment of 937 Turkish Liras per month (roughly 50\$) for 80 sq.m., people move into decent houses and become their rightful owners in 10 years. The press reports that 3 mil. of Turkish nationals are already participating in this program. And they do not have to take a weapon into their hands for this.

For Russia, a rich country it is too little, to only put credits on pause. Vladislav Soloviev calls Russian people the great martyr, who suffered through worse, but everyone has their limits. He sincerely hopes that the government is smart enough to not test them, as instability in such a huge country and a nuclear power is bad for the entire world.

For the record. Vladislav Soloviev is a political expert, economist and blogger, well-known in Russia and abroad. He wrote a number of books and published many articles, exposing modern Russian oligarchs (Deripaska, in particular).